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TRANSGENES FROM SILENCING)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

In complete response to the final Office Action dated February 13, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply, along with a signed Declaration of Dr. Matsuoka, a signed Declaration of Dr. Tajima, and a copy of a reference cited in the Amendment and Reply. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, extending period for response to June 13, 2007.